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HAVANT AND WATERLOO

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THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF HAVANT AND WATERLOO.

December, 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District
Council of Havant and Waterloo

Mr. Chairman, Mesdames and Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you the Annual Report on the health of the District, and some of the work of the Public Health Department for the Year 1943.

In accordance with the instructions of the Minister of Health and for security reasons the report is considerably curtailed and all references to local activities in connection with War time developments in the Area are omitted.

I have pleasure in advising you that in spite of the War years, the general health of the community does not appear to have deteriorated, although the Influenza epidemic which affected the whole of the Country at about the end of the Year, with the increased incidence of Scarlet Fever, and the epidemic of Measles, shows something of an increase in the prevalence of these diseases during the Year.

The members of the Health Committee gave consideration to the amount of work the above-mentioned diseases thrust upon the General Practitioners in the District, but I am glad to record that these grossly overworked gentlemen were able to cope with the situation without having to call in assistance from outside the District.

The question of Analgesia also was a subject of some consideration by the Council and representations were made to the County Medical Officer relating thereto.

Special reference is made in this Report to the adequacy of the Water Supply in the District, although the fortunate position in which we are situated is well-known to the inhabitants who, in practically every instance, receive an adequate and wholesome supply through the Portsmouth Water Company.

The campaign for immunisation against Diphtheria was continued and at the end of the Year it was estimated that 77% of the children under five years of age and 83% of children between five and fifteen were considered immunised and for a District of this nature I think these figures may be considered satisfactory.

In conclusion I am pleased to express my thanks to the members of the Health Committee for the kind consideration shown to myself and to express my sincere appreciation of the assistance given to me in both the preparation of this Report and the general work of the Department throughout the whole of the Year by the Chief Sanitary Inspector and his Clerk.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

RALPH M. SOANES.

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate of resident population 27,350

<u>BIRTHS.</u>	<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Legitimate.	214	207	421
	Illegitimate.	22	16	38
				<hr/> 459 <hr/>

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population 16.7

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	8	2	10
Illegitimate	2	1	3
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Birth Rate per 1,000 (live and still births).. 17.2

DEATHS.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
From all causes	158	182	340
Rate per 1,000 population ...	12.4		

Maternal Deaths.

Death from Puerperal Sepsis ...	...	Nil
Death from Other Puerperal Causes ...	...	3
Rate per 1,000 births ...	...	6.3

Infantile Mortality (Deaths under 1 year)

				<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	4	7	11
Illegitimate	...	...	...	2	-	2
						<hr/> 13 <hr/>

Rate per 1,000 Live Births ... 27.5

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate
live births ... 26.1
Illegitimate infants per 1,000
illegitimate live births ... 52.5

Deaths from:-

Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	61
Measles	...	...	...	...	2
Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	1

Causes of Death

1.	Measles	...	...	...	...	2
2.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	7
3.	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	11
4.	Other Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	1
5.	Syphilis	...	...	...	...	3
6.	Cancer	...	...	...	...	61
7.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	5
8.	Cerebral Haemorrhage etc	...	...	...	...	43
9.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	68
10.	Other Circulatory Diseases	...	...	...	...	12
11.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	15
12.	Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	...	...	13
13.	Other Respiratory Diseases	...	...	...	...	3
14.	Peptic Ulcer	...	...	...	...	3
15.	Diarrhoea under 2 years	...	...	...	...	1
16.	Other Digestive Diseases	...	...	...	...	8
17.	Acute and Chronic Nephritis	...	...	...	...	11
18.	Other puerperal Diseases	...	...	...	...	3
19.	Congenital debility - Premature births etc	...	...	...	...	9
20.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	4
21.	Road Traffic	...	...	...	...	4
22.	Other Violent Causes	...	...	...	...	15
23.	All other Causes	...	...	...	...	38
	TOTAL	...	...	...	...	<hr/>340 <hr/>

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Medical Officer of Health (Part-Time),

R.M. Soames, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Chief Sanitary Inspector (who is also Meat Inspector holding Diploma of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Inspector of Meat and other Foods):-

W.F. Applaton, M.R. San. I., M.S.I.A.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

In addition to the facilities provided by the County Council the fullest advantage has been taken of the co-operation offered by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory under the direction of Dr. J. Duncan.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

It is to be noted that the Ambulances of the Civil Defence Casualty Service are available for general use, and this facility has been widely made use of and is greatly appreciated.

There is no change to record in the provision of mortuary service.

NURSING ASSOCIATION.

There is no change in the facilities provided for nursing in the home or midwifery.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

Antenatal and Orthopaedic Clinics and also those for Venereal Diseases, together with the Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and facilities offered by the Tuberculosis Dispensary remain unchanged.

It is worthy of note that the attendance at the Scabies Clinic provided at the Havant First Aid Post numbered 312.

HOSPITALS.

There is no change in the hospital facilities available, but the provision for Maternity cases is worthy of consideration by the appropriate Authority.

THE SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER

In spite of the ever increasing demand made upon it the Water service was at all times adequate to provide a constant supply to the whole of the Area.

The supply to Hayling Island is under the direction of a Committee of the Council who purchase the water in bulk from the Portsmouth Water Company. There are approximately 90 dwelling-houses on Hayling Island and a dozen in the Waterloo Ward which obtain their supply from private wells which when time permits will be the subject of detailed examination and report; but at the present time the quality of the water, in the majority of cases, has not been tested.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The attention of the appropriate service departments has been drawn to the difficulties arising from the discharge of drainage from several of the Establishments in the Area; and this matter is receiving continual attention.

The Engineer and Surveyor continues to cope satisfactorily with the difficulties attached to the Seven Sewage Disposal Works in the Area, and it is hoped that one of the Post War projects of the Council will be to proceed with their Scheme for the reduction in the number.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

Conditions normal. Sundry investigations were made by the Chief Sanitary Inspector in connection with suspected pollution of watercourses;

Representations as necessary were made in connection therewith, and several matters are still receiving close attention.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No change to report.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The emergency arrangements for the collection of refuse, salvage and kitchen waste appear to be working satisfactorily.

The disposal of refuse and the emptying of cesspools have been carried out as hitherto.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

No outstanding changes during the Year.

Number of complaints received ... 243.

Visits and Inspections.

On complaint of nuisance etc	...	269.
Interviews with owners, etc	...	127.
Bakehouses	...	27.
Dairies and Milkshops	...	135.
Cowsheds	...	114.
Tents, Caravans and Sheds	...	17.
Movable Dwellings	...	21.
Fried Fish Premises	...	28.
Slaughterhouses	...	19.
Factories	...	106.
Watercourses and Ditches	...	182.
Urinals	...	57.
Shops Acts.	...	14.
Overcrowding	...	33.
Preserved Food etc.	...	51.
Water Supply	...	122.
Miscellaneous	...	194.
Drainage	...	96.
Smoke Abatement	...	11.
Vermineous Premises.	...	25.
Meat and other Food Inspection	...	78.

Notices etc., issued.

Statutory Notices served	...	24.
Informal Notices issued	...	220.

Infectious Disease.

Houses, etc., Disinfected	...	74.
Disinfestation.	...	26.

DEFECTS IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

<u>Particulars.</u>	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>
Want of Cleanliness ...	12	10
Want of ventilation ...	3	3
Overcrowding ...	-	-
Want of drainage of floors ...	2	2
) Insufficient ...	7	7
) Unsuitable or		
Sanitary) defective ...	3	3
Accommodation) Not separate for		
) sexes ...	1	1
Other nuisances ...	5	5
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	33	31
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MOSQUITO CONTROL.

This subject has again received the active consideration of the Council who have carried on the arrangement entered into with The Director of the British Mosquito Control Institute (Mr. John F. Marshall, C.B.E., M.A.).

Having regard to the basis of contribution of this Council towards the expenditure incurred by Mr. Marshall in the laboratory work of Anti-Berval and other practical disinfection measures, it was decided to convene a Conference of all the adjoining Authorities whose areas were likely to be somewhat similarly affected, in view of the possibility of the return to this Country of Service Personnel from foreign parts where Malaria is prevalent.

Progress was made and a survey of likely breeding places in the District concerned - excepting of course Portsmouth and Havant - is being carried out early in 1944, when a further Conference is to take place from which it is hoped will emerge a considerable extension of the Area at present under regular control.

HOUSING.

Information has been prepared for the guidance of the Council in connection with Post War Housing proposals in which it is envisaged that the lee-way will be made up, and also provision made which will enable the Council to remove, at least, those houses which were classified unfit for human habitation in 1939.

This important task will undoubtedly still be one of the Post War problems which should receive first priority and it is to be hoped that full use will be made of the experience gained in the District during the War years.

Although it has not been practicable to depart from the policy of the Council with regard to action under the Housing Act no effort has been spared to provide that essential maintenance works have been carried out in such cases as were found to be requiring and suitable for such action.

MILK SUPPLY.

The cowsheds and dairies may be regarded as generally satisfactory and having due regard to all the difficulties under which those concerned with the production and distribution of milk, have been and are at present working, the position is better than was anticipated.

The arrangement for the submission of samples to the County Laboratory has been continued and the following were examined with results as set out.

Under Designation Order ... 2 ... Complied.

One sample was submitted for examination in connection with cleanliness and found highly satisfactory.

In addition 27 samples were taken and submitted for examination in connection with the heat treatment process, and of the total number 12 were found to comply with the requirements for the designation "Pasteurised".

There are two licensed producers of Tuberculin Tested milk, and 11 licensed producers of Accredited milk.

Dealers licenses were issued for Tuberculin Tested milk four, Accredited milk one, Pasteurised milk one.

An important decision was given by the local Magistrates in connection with the depositing of full milk bottles about the streets which resulted in considerable and general improvement in the position, and in so far as this District is concerned the practice has now ceased.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Total number of children to whom full protective treatment was given in 1943, 785.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the Year 1943.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total cases notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	50	39
Diphtheria.	3	3
Puerperal Pyrexia.	5	-
Pneumonia	6	-
Erysipelas.	2	-
Anterior Poliomyelitis. ...	2	1
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis. ...	1	1
Measles.	335	1
Acute Encephalitis Lethargica.	1	1
Whooping Cough.	1	-
	<u>409</u>	<u>46</u>

TUBERCULOSIS.

<u>Age.</u> <u>Period.</u>	<u>New cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory.</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
0 - 1								
1 - 5				2				
5 - 15			4	2				
15 - 25	5	2			1			
25 - 35	2	1	1		2	1		
35 - 45	1	3			1			
45 - 55	3	2		1		2		
55 - 65	2	1			3			
65 & over	1	1			1	1		
	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>		

